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In re Application of:

HIDEHIKO FUJIMURA, ET AL.

Application No.: 09/309,766

Filed: May 11, 1999

For: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING )  
AIRTIGHT VESSEL AND IMAGE- )  
FORMING APPARATUS USING )  
AIRTIGHT VESSEL )

Examiner: K. Ramsey

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Please amend Claims 1, 4, 9, 10, 12, 13, 16, 21, 22 and 24 as follows. A  
marked-up copy of the amended claims showing the changes made thereto, is attached. Note that  
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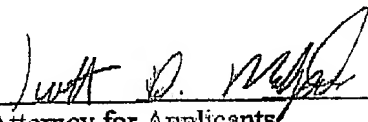
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